

# MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE



## THE ORIGIN OF HE-MAN!

**"BY THE POWER  
OF GRAYSKULL,  
I HAVE THE POWER!"**

Greetings, He-Man fans!  
Welcome to this special  
Masters of the Universe  
Mini-Comic.

Far, far away, at the other end  
of the universe is Eternia.  
Eternia, He-Man's home-  
world, is under threat  
from the evil forces of  
Skeletor and Hordak!

In this mini-comic you  
will find the  
fantastic story of  
how the Sorceress granted  
Eternian Prince Adam  
the extraordinary powers and  
strength that make him

**HE-MAN —MASTER OF THE  
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# LEGEND OF GRAYSKULL

ETERNIA! A PLANET MANY, MANY LIGHT-YEARS FROM OUR OWN GALAXY, A PLANET WHICH WAS ONCE RULED BY A NOBLE AND PEACEFUL ROYAL FAMILY, WHO ENFORCED HONESTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

OVER 5,000 YEARS BEFORE HE-MAN WOULD WALK THIS WORLD, A COUNCIL OF SAGES MET TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO PROTECT THEIR WORLD FROM THE GROWING FORCES OF EVIL.

FORGING THEIR MYSTIC POWERS TOGETHER THROUGH THE COSMIC CRYSTAL THEY CREATED A CITADEL TO STAND AGAINST THE DARK DAYS APPROACHING ALL ETERNIA...

CASTLE GRAYSKULL! A SECRET PORTRESS WHICH WOULD REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL ETERNIA'S GREAT MOMENT, FINDING ITS MIGHTY WALLS LET ALL THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE...



To ensure that the Fortress of Knowledge never falls into wrong hands, it is watched over by the Sorceress of Castle Grayskull, who can transform herself at will into the Falcon of Force, ZORAR!



FOR CENTURIES,  
THE COSMIC CITADEL PROTECTED  
ITS SECRETS. FROM THE REST OF  
THE UNIVERSE. REPELLING BUT  
NEVER HAVING ALL THREATS.  
CASTLE GRAYSKULL WAITED THE  
MOMENT THAT HAD BEEN FORETOLD  
IN LEGEND.

WHEN PRINCE ADAM  
REACHED MANKIND, THE  
SORCERESS KNEW THAT SHE  
HAD FOUND THE MORTAL  
SHE NEEDED TO PROTECT  
ETERRA.



The Sorceress knew that in Snake Mountain, there now dwelt  
the essence of evil: SKELETOR. HE HAD POWER TO CONQUER  
ETERRA AND USE IT AS HIS BASE TO DOMINATE THE UNIVERSE.  
IF LEFT UNCHECKED, THE LIVING SKELETON WOULD DESTROY ALL  
THAT WAS RIGHT AND JUST.



HORDAK, WHO WAS ONCE SKELATOR'S SLAVE,  
NOW CONTROLS THE FRIGHT ZONE, A  
DIMENSIONAL PORTAL WHICH LINKS ETERNIA  
AND THE IMPERIAL WORLD OF ETHERIA. ALIEN  
BEINGS DEPICTED BY SKELETOR AND STANDING  
ON AN ALIEN WORLD, HE HAS ESCAPED AND  
SOURS VENGEANCE ON SKELETOR. HIS  
SEARCH TO FIND SKELETOR HAS ALSO  
BROUGHT HIM A NEW WORLD TO CONQUER:  
ETERRA!



WITH THE FORCES OF EVIL MASSING FOR THEIR ATTACKS, THE SORCERESS GIVANNE MAN-AT-ARMS, A SCIENTIST AND BRAVE WARRIOR, AND INSTRUCTS HIM TO BRING PRINCE ADAM TO CASTLE GRAYSKULL.



THE YOUNG PRINCE IS GIVEN THE SWORD OF POWER, AND THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF GRAYSKULL, IS REVEALED TO HIM. WHENEVER HE HOLDS THE SWORD ALOFT AND SAYS, 'BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL,' AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...



GATHERING A SIGHT OF THE MIGHTIEST CHAMPIONS ON ETERNIA AROUND HIM, HE-MAN FINDS THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE. THEY PLEDGE TO DEFEAT THE TWIN THREATS OF THE EVIL WARRIORS AND THE HORDE.



SKELETOR HAS ALSO GATHERED A GROUP OF CHORDES TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS DESIRE TO CONQUER ETERNIA. WHILST THEY HAVE VARIENGE POWER, THEIR INDIVIDUAL GREED AND UNWILLINGNESS TO HELP EACH OTHER OFTEN LEAD TO THEIR DEFEAT.



SO FAR, HORDEK HAS NOT GATHERED HIS FULL FORCE OF HORDE MEMBERS AROUND HIM. ALREADY HE HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE ONE OF THE MOST TITANIC THREATS TO STRIKE ETERNIA.



ORKO IS AN AUGH MAGICIAN FROM THE STRANGE LAND OF TROLLAH, A WORLD WHICH EXISTS IN THE ASTRAL ZONE. IN HIS HOMELAND HE WAS A GREAT WIZARD, BUT HE HAS LOST MUCH OF HIS POWER IN THIS NEW WORLD. ON ETERNIA HE CAN ONLY MANAGE SIMPLE SPELLS, WHICH OFTEN GO WRONG FOR HIM.

BESIDES THE SORCERESS WHO GRANTED PRINCE ADAM HIS AMAZING POWERS, ONLY MAN-AT-ARM AND ORKO KNOW THAT THE PRINCE IS REALLY HE-MAN. TO PROTECT HIS SECRETS, PRINCE ADAM OFTEN FACTIONS TO BE LAZY AND SLIGHTLY COMEDIC SO THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT SUSPECT WHO HE REALLY IS.



THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE  
LIVE IN THE ROYAL PALACE OF ETERNIA  
CITY. IT IS FROM HERE THAT MOST OF  
THEIR ADVENTURES BEGIN, BUT OUR  
CHAMPIONS NEVER KNOW WHERE THEY  
WILL END...

COME WITH US NOW INTO THE WORLD OF ETERNIA AND  
FIGHT ALONG-SIDE HE-MAN AND THE MASTERS OF  
THE UNIVERSE ...

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OF GRAYSKULL--  
I AM THE  
POWER!





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